

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

It seems harsh to make low volume users pay the same fee to use a service as customers who use larger "volume of service". I will never be a large volume user, in fact I dropped regular cell phone service because I was paying huge sums for minutes that didn't roll over if unused and of course I could never use them. When I think of the wasted money! I must have paid \$585 each for two cell phones I now cannot use because I mistakenly thought that once I completed my 18 month contract and paid the \$5 each fee to "own" the phones that came with my plan that I could actually reuse them some other way. What a joke! Now I have 2 phones I can't use. So I've switched to simply buying minutes. Yes it costs more per minute but I only pay for what I use. I think the cell phone industry is a total racket. Can you do anything about that? Probably not. Anyway please don't take action that chips away even more at people who are simply trying to use their money wisely. I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

Sincerely yours, Dorothea Socea Palermo, Maine cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

Dorothea Socea
1400 Level Hill Road
Palermo, Maine 04354

